Blackhawks stop Polar Bears

by John Middlekauff

Northern's Boys Basketball team had only one game this past week, and in that one they lost to Susquenita 65-44. Once again it was the old Northern bug-a-boo! Hang close in the first half 29-23, only to get blown away in the second half (36-19). This was the same Susquenita that Northern had defeated in the first half. The difference in this one was the Blackhawk combo of Sload and Radel. Mr. Sload hit eight field goals-five of them from 3-point land for 21 points, and Mr. Radel led the Blackhawk scoring with 22 points. That totals to 43 points, just one less than the entire Northern team for the entire game. Chris Flohr got back into the swing of things as he led the Polar Bears with 16 points, while Joe Fox hit for 11 points as the only other Northern player in double-figures.

Outscored by only two from the foul-line (12-10), Northerns lack of proficiency from the field (24-17) spelled the difference. The Bears of 1-4 within the division and 5-15 overall. This next week will find Northern at home with West Perry on Tuesday (2/13) and an away game at Mechanicsburg on Friday.

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Lady Bears do it again

By Jennifer Gerber

After winnning 4 straight games these 9th grade Bears showed their stuff again against Mechanicsburg on February 8.

Steph Seltzer not only was leading scorer for the Bears (7), she also kept the usually high powered Jennifer Minnich of Mechanicsburg to only 3 points.

The 9th grade girls won this game in the last minute of play with a sure shot from Nicole Brillhart and foul shots from Rachel Romberger and Seltzer. The scorers for the Bears were: Seltzer with 7, Brillhart and Romberger 4 a piece and Michelle McClure with 2.

Can they go for 6 in a row? We will see next week. Good Luck Bears.

Mechanicsburg	2	4	9	2	14
Northern	4	4	4	9	21

Bears improve record

by John Middlekauff

Sometimes surprises come in different packages, and likewise certain surprises can also be blessings in disguise. Take for example the girls game against Susquenita Friday (2/9). The Lady Blackhawks have proven to be a very tough opponent for Northern, and this last game was no different. The Lady Bears were able to prevail 60-50. The surprise in this one was the fact that despite a poor offensive outing by leading scorer Gretchen Klaus (11 pts.), there were other members of the team who came to the front and provided the necessary points. Led by Senior Forward Nancy Jacoby (12 pts.), Northern actually had a total of five individuals in double figures. If there is an unsung heroine in this one, it has to be Kay Kula. "Special K" picked this outing to have perhaps her finest game in a Polar Bear uniform. Scoring 11 big points, Kay also rebounded well and played extremely well in the defensive end. Northern also received a big boost from "Sixth Man" Kelly Gordon. Kell has been out with her seemingly annual respiratory problems, but she got back for this one and nailed 10 points coming off the bench. The last, but certainly not least, of the double figure scorers was Becky Minnich. Becky also had eleven points, and along with Sister Amy (5 points) put alot of pressure on the Susquenita ballhandlers. This game has to be a highlight for the season on how a team can really play together and get the job done.

On Monday (2/5) Northern played a makeup game with West Perry. This game actually marks the end of the first half in Division III for the Lady Bears. This one was close, almost too close for comfort. Northern built up a 42-30 lead by the end of the third quarter. But had to withstand a 19-10 run in the fourth quarter by the Lady Mustangs to pull out a 2-point 52-49 victory. Northern's offensive effort was once again fueled by Gretchen and Nancy. Both Miss Klaus and Miss Jacoby had identical stats, seven field goals for fourteen points each. Against West Perry, Northern needed support from its bench to ice this one. Rebecca Fox had four points off the bench, but it was one little foul shot by Tonya Biller that forced the lady Mustangs to attempt a series of three point shots to just try to tie the score.

Wednesday evening (2/7) found our Lady Bears making return visit to Trinity. While the outcome went to the Lady Shamrocks 50-40, Northern played a very strong game. Against powerful Trinity, the Lady Bears played them to a near standoff for three quarters. But one quarter and one player made the difference. In the third quarter, Trinity outscored the Bears 18-9, and in that quarter All-Stater Michelle Verotsky scored nine of her game high nineteen points to give the Lady Shamrocks a lead they would not lose. Once again Northern was led by Gretchen Klaus with 17 points and Nancy Jacoby with eleven.

This week will be important for Northern's Girl Basketball. First of all there is a game at West Perry on Tuesday (2/13) and their final home game on Friday (2/16) against Mechanicsburg. the game with West Perry is big, and along with it the Lady Bears will have an eye on someone to knock off Big Spring. Also this week, the pairings for the P.I.A.A. playoffs will be coming out, and Northern will find out just who and where they will be playing.

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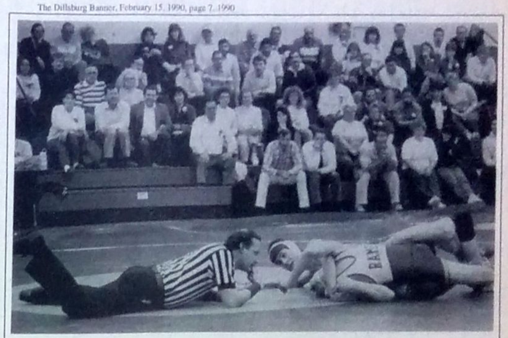
Bears lose close match to CD

by John Middlekauff

At the beginning of the wrestling season, Coach Clair Rudisill felt that, all things being equal and with the right attitude, his team should finish in the middle of the pack in the very tough Division I. Northern finds itself with an overall record of 10-5 with three matches left to wrestle, but just 2-4 within the division with only one match remaining.

In the only match that they wrestled this past week, Northern lost a heartbreaking 25-23 decision to Central Dauphin. The Polar Bears had built a 23-16 edge going into the last two bouts of the evening. Unfortunately they could not hold off the determined Rams, as CD's Bill Peters decisioned Jamie Lehares 11-3 at 189 lb., and Northern forfeited at 275 lb. to give a hard earned victory to Central Dauphin who climbed to third place in the Division. The outcome, unfortunately, is focused on those last two matches, but there were several places where a Northern victory at another weight class could have spelled the difference. At 103 lb. Jon Rudy lost a tough 6-2 decision. Likewise at 125 lb. Jerry Stemer dropped a 12-9 decision to Ken Ulerick. In the 140 lb. match, Northern's Steve Miller drew with DC's Adam Caine, and at the 160 lb. weight class CD's Jim Lontz handled Northern's Kevin Leitzel 13-0. Wrestling is tough, and this loss has to rank as a tough one to lose when you are trying to establishing yourself within the division. Northern's future is very bright, with a excellent crop of young wrestlers. What needs to imporve is their belief in themselves.

This next week will mark the completion of Northern's dual-meet competition. The three remaining matches will prove to be just as tough as the others have been. On Thursday (2/15) Northern finishes its Division I schedule with a match at Cumberland Valley. On Saturday, February 17, the Polar Bears head to Shippensburg to take on the Division III Greyhounds, and on Monday (2/19) Northern will close out their season at very tough Biglerville.



Northern's last home wrestling match of the season ended with Northern losing 25 - 23 against Central Dauphin.

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Prior to February 9 entry fee for the 5K is $7.00 and includes a T-shirt. After February 9 and race day the fee is $5.00, and no T-shirt is included. The entry fee for the Fun Run is $1.00. Proceeds go to the Messiah college cross country team. Age grouping for both men and women are 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50 plus. Awards to go the top male and female and top 3 individuals in each age group.

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For more information, contact Don Mark at Messiah College at 717-766-2511, ext. 296.

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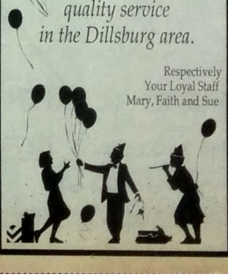

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